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1. SUMMARY. UNHCR REP HASELMAN OUTLINED TO ME YESTERDAY CURRENT UNHCR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF NATIONAL AID TO REFUGEE COMMITTEE IN ASSISTING ALIENS TO LEAVE CHILE. CURRENT ACTIVITY CENTERS ON APPROXIMATELY 200 FOREIGNERS DETAINED IN NATIONAL STADIUM. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PART OF PLAN ANNOUNCED BY MININTERIOR BONILLA TO EMPTY NATIONAL STADIUM OF PRISONERS (SEPTTEL), GOC ANNOUNCED OCT 22 THAT "ALMOST ALL" OF FOREIGNERS CURRENTLY DETAINED THERE WILL BE RELEASED AND OBLIGED TO LEAVE COUNTRY. UNHCR REP HASELMAN
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TOLD ME IN AFTERNOON MEETING OCT 24 THAT GOC HAS POSTPONED

SINCE LAST SATURDAY RELEASE OF ALIEN PRISONERS FROM STADIUM BUT THAT HE OPTIMISTIC RELEASE WILL TAKE PLACE OCT 25. APPROXIMATELY 200 ALIENS IN STADIUM AS OF A FEW DAYS AGO. GOC RELEASED 30 IN LAST FEW DAYS. FIFTEEN BECAME CHARGE OF SWEDISH AMBASSADOR AND LEFT CHILE IMMEDIATELY. OTHER 15 TAKEN TO SPECIAL RECEPTION CENTER RUN BY NATIONAL AID TO REFUGEE COMMITTEE WHICH IS UNDER PROTECTION AND FLAG OF SWISS EMBASSY. ABOUT THIRTY OF THOSE REMAINING IN STADIUM WILL BE TRIED IN MILITARY COURTS. REMAINDER WILL BE RELEASED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND SWISS EMBASSY BUT WILL HAVE TO LEAVE COUNTRY WITHIN 10 DAYS.

3. UNHCR WILL TRY TO SEND MOST OF RELEASED DETAINEES AND FAMILIES (TOTAL OF 530 PEOPLE) AS WELL AS OTHER DEPARTING ALIENS DIRECTLY TO NATIONALS WHICH HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THEM. HASELMAN MENTIONED SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA AS ALREADY HAVING AGREED TO TAKE 200 APIECE. SOME OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE SIMILAR OFFERS. THOSE RELEASED FROM STADIUM WHO CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY PLACED WILL BE SENT TO PERU. HASELMAN STATED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT PERUVIAN GOVT HAS GRANTED PERMISSION FOR ALIENS TO COME TO COUNTRY IN TRANSIT STATUS, BUT THAT MAJORITY WILL HAVE TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MAJORITY OF NATIONAL STADIUM DETAINEES ARE BOLIVIANS, BRAZILIANS, AND URUGUAYANS, VERY FEW OF WHOM WISH TO BE REPATRIATED. INTERESTINGLY, ALL 23 ARGENTINES IN STADIUM HAVE STATED DESIRE TO RETURN HOME.

4. IN ADDITION TO STADIUM DETAINEES, UNHCR AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE ALSO CONCERNED WITH WELFARE OF APPROXIMATELY 1500 OTHER ALIENS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO LEAVE COUNTRY. ABOUT 100 OF THESE RESIDING AS "GUESTS" IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES. REST MORE OR LESS EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN SAFEHAVENS AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES. GOVT HAS ISSUED LIST OF 820 PERSONS FREE TO OBTAIN SAFECONDUCT DEPARTURE DOCUMENTS AS SOON AS THEY KNOW THEIR FINAL DESTINATIONS. TO DATE ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIED FOR SAFECONDUCT VIA NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DENIED IT. PERSON IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN SWEDISH EMBASSY AND HAS BEEN WANTED BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES SINCE SEPT 1972 RPT 1972 FOR OFFENSE OF PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT LICENSE. HASELMAN INDICATED HE INTENDED TO TALK TO SWEDISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR TO SEE IF HE COULD BE CONVINCED TO TELL ACCUSED PERSON THAT SINCE HE NOT WANTED FOR POLITICAL REASONS, HE SHOULD FACE COURT CHARGES. HASELMAN FEELS THAT THIS ACTION WOULD DEMONSTRATE UNHCR'S GOOD FAITH TO GOC.

5. HASELMAN RAISED IN GENERAL TERMS QUESTION OF WHETHER USG WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY ALIENS WHO HAVE INDICATED DESIRE TO LIVE IN U.S. (APPROXIMATELY 100 HAVE GIVEN U.S. AND CANADA

AS FIRST PREFERENCES.) I RESPONDED THAT I HAD POSED THIS QUESTION TO THE DEPT AND WAS AWAITING A RESPONSE (SANTIAGO 5152).
HASELMAN SAID THAT UN HIGH COMMISSIONER PRINCE SAGRUDDIN KHAN IS NOW IN NEW YORK AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO RAISE SAME QUESTION.

6. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, I HAVE MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$250 FROM AID DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR USE IN PROVIDING FOOD AND CLOTHING TO FOREIGNERS SEEKING ITS HLP.
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